

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 23, 2020

The Honorable Clay Higgins Member, U.S. House of Representatives 600 Jefferson Street, Suite 808 Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

Dear Congressman Higgins:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, 2020, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expressing your support for Gulf Coast Sequestration's (GCS) recent submittal of a Class VI Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for a Southwest Louisiana carbon sequestration project.

EPA Region 6 UIC staff along with EPA headquarters UIC staff have already held several discussions with GCS representatives about the site and the permitting process and expect to continue those conversations throughout the permit review.

GCS' initial submittal to Region 6 on October 13, 2020 represented a partial permit application with several additional parts anticipated in the coming months. Region 6 expects to work extensively with GCS to obtain a complete permit submittal and then to review the technical elements of the permit to ensure it meets regulatory requirements.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8138, or your staff may contact Ken Johnson, Region 6 Ground Water/UIC Section Chief, at (214) 665-8473.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Maguire Director Water Division